

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2012
6:30 PM**

President Pro Tempore Bonney called the public speaking session to order at 6:45 pm.

No roll call was taken.

President Pro Tempore Bonney asked if there was anyone present to speak –*called three times*

Hearing none, the public speaking session was closed.

The public speaking session closed at 6:47 pm.

CITY of BRIDGEPORT

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2012

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers, City Hall - 45 Lyon Terrace

Bridgeport, Connecticut

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Brannelly, M. McCarthy, Colon, Taylor-Moye, Olson, Brantley, Lyons, Vizzo-Paniccia, Bonney, Blunt, dePara, Ayala, Paoletto

ABSENT: Council members: T. McCarthy, Austin, Silva, Martinez, Curwen, Baker, Holloway

Mayor Finch called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Prayer – the prayer was offered by Council member Colon.

Pledge of Allegiance – the pledge was led by Council member Olson.

Roll Call – the city clerk took the roll call and announced there was a quorum.

Moment of Silence – Mayor Finch asked for a moment of silence for Frances Ortiz's sister Carmen Martinez.

Council member Paoletto stated that Council member Silva was unable to attend the meeting.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Approval of City Council Minutes: July 2, 2012 and July 26, 2012

(Special Meeting)

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES**

**** COUNCIL MEMBERS DEPARA SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

124-11 Communication from City Attorney re: Proposed Settlement of Pending Litigation with Adrienne Ashley, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.

125-11 Communication from Labor Relations and Benefits Administration re: Proposed Tentative Agreement with Fairfield County Building Trades for the period of July 31, 2011 to July 31, 2015 regarding their bargaining unit contract, referred to Contracts Committee.

126-11 Communication from Labor Relations and Benefits Administration re: Updated ranges for Officers and Unaffiliated Employees Salaries pursuant to and as required by Municipal Code Section 2.36.010, **ACCEPTED AND MADE PART OF THE RECORD.**

127-11 Communication from Airport Manager re: Proposed Real Property Purchase Agreement with 125 Access Road, LLC, referred to Contracts Committee.

128-11 Communication from Airport Manager re: Resolution to enter into a grant agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to pursue a Runway Safety Area (RSA) at the end of Airport Runway 6/24, referred to Contracts Committee – *see below referred to ECDE Committee*

- 129-11** Communication from OPED re: Proposed Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12.08 Street, Sidewalk and Driveway Construction and Maintenance, amend Section 12.08.030 Restrictions as to Driveways, referred to Ordinance Committee.
- 130-11** Communication from Central Grants and Community Development re: Conflict of Interest for HOME Program/Mayor's Homeownership Initiative, Quoc Thang Tran, **ACCEPTED AND MADE PART OF THE RECORD.**
- 131-11** Communication from OPM re: Modification to the FY 2013-2017 Five Year Capital Plan concerning City Projects, referred to Budget and Appropriations Committee.
- 132-11** Communication from Finance Department re: Approval of Additional Capital Project Authorization to the 2013-2017 Capital Plan, referred to Budget and Appropriations Committee.
- 133-11** Communication from Finance Department re: Approval of General Obligation Bonds – To Fund Certain Capital Improvement Projects, referred to Budget and Appropriations Committee.
- 134-11** Communication from Central Grants and Community Development re: Grant Submission: State Department of Social Services for 2007-2013 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Grant (SNAP), referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.
- 135-11** Communication from Central Grants and Community Development re: Grant Submission: U.S. Department of Justice FY 2012 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.
- 136-11** Communication from Central Grants and Community Development re: Grant Submission: State Department of Transportation FY 2013 Local Bridge Program for the Capitol Avenue Bridge over the Rooster River Overflow, referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.

137-11 Communication from Central Grants and Community Development re: Grant Submission: State Department of Transportation FY 2013 Local Bridge Program for the Arctic Street Bridge over Pembroke Lakes, referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.

138-11 Communication from Public Facilities re: Application for Waiver to Extend Driveway Width: #2660 Main Street – St. Vincent's College, referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.

139-11 Communication from City Attorney re: Requesting Authorization and Approval of Litigation Filing concerning a Class Action Complaint, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON MOVED TO REFER COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER M. McCARTHY SECONDED**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MADE A REQUEST TO REFER THE FOLLOWING ITEM TO THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE *and not* the Contracts Committee**

128-11 Communication from Airport Manager re: Resolution to enter into a grant agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to pursue a Runway Safety Area (RSA) at the end of Airport Runway 6/24

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED**

*** Council member Brannelly clarified that the item was on the agenda for the purpose of referral to the ECDE Committee and not the Contracts Committee**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

- *114-11** Contracts Committee Report re: Amendment No. 1 to Lease Agreement with the Downtown Cabaret Theater of Bridgeport, Inc.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO APPROVE AS AMENDED THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE DOWNTOWN CABARET THEATRE OF BRIDGEPORT, INC.**

The amendment was read as follows:

“In addition, the parties agree that the City of Bridgeport may request in advance the use of the Cabaret Theatre, subject to the Cabaret’s booking schedule, for awards ceremonies, community meetings, graduations and other similar public events (but not for City Council meetings or meetings of other public bodies) (“City Events”) subject to the same terms and conditions applicable to Accessory Uses and further subject to the limitation that City Events shall be non-political events. As to such City Events, the parties agree that the City will pay the Cabaret’s costs for opening and closing the facility and for the use of any of its lighting or other equipment on the same terms and conditions applicable to Accessory Uses and will provide written evidence of the City’s self-insurance for each such event.”

Approved unanimously by the Contracts Committee

Submitted September 4, 2012

**Susan T. Brannelly
Co-chair Contracts Committee**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED**

Council member Brannelly explained that the amendment was approved, but they needed to wait for the final lease agreement.

The city clerk read the item *114-11 into the record.

Council member Taylor-Moye asked if the city would be responsible for lighting for any of the events that may occur. She also questioned what types of fees they would incur. Council member Brannelly stated that due to the contribution that the city will make; it was agreed that they could use the facility for certain (city) events that would be non-political. She further mentioned that the intent was if there were any out of pocket costs, the city would cover those costs.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR THE
PURPOSE OF ADDING AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Council member Paoletto stated that he and Council member Blunt were the sponsors of the resolution, which consists of establishing a Food Policy Council.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO REFER THE MATTER OF
ESTABLISHING A FOOD POLICY COUNCIL TO THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
** COUNCIL MEMBER M. McCARTHY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (ITEM #140-11)**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO ADJOURN
** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services